Regularisation of unauthorised Colonies

2179. DR. ISHWAR CHANDRA GUPTA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have agreed to regularise all unauthorised colonies in existence as on August 1990;

(b) if so, the names of such colonies;

(c) the date by which these are likely to be regularised; and

(d) the details of basic facilities like sewerage, water, electricity and roads likely to be provided ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGAN) : (a) to (d) No decision to regularise the post 1977 unauthorised colonies in Delhi has been taken. According to the Delhi Water and Sewage Disposal Undertaking and Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking, water and electricity are provided on payment of prescribed charges to the beneficiaries of unauthorised colonies which were in existence prior to 1-1-1981 as per decision of the Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi in 1986.

Fire in AIIMS

2180. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the various buildings housing Central Government offices continue to remain unprotected against fire hazards;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item that appeared in the Hindustan Times, New Delhi, dated the 28th April, 1993 under the caption 'Equipment qutted in AIIMS fire';

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether adequate safety measures are not available in the building; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) The 55 high-rise buildings which remain unprotected against fire hazard were constructed prior to the enactment of the Delhi Fire Safety and Prevention Act, 1986 which makes it mandatory for all high rise buildings to be cleared from fire safety angle. It has been reported by the Delhi Fire Service that 10-11 points out of the mandatory 12 items of fire safety measures have already been completed in such buildings.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. A fire broke out on 27-4-93 in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences causing damage in the teaching block. The fire was brought under control by the Delhi Fire Service. No injury to any person was reported. Hospital services and patient care was not affected.

(d) and (e) An enquiry has been ordered into the incident by a Committee with the following terms of referenie :

—to ascertain the facts and circumstances leading to the outbreak of the fire and the cause thereof;

—to ascertain the quantum and extent of damage caused by the fire;

—to determine whether the fire safety arrangements at the Institute were adequate with reference to the prescribed provisions;

—to examine whether appropriate action was taken to extinguish the fire and to minimise the damage caused therefrom